

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer implemented system of secure transmission and collaboration of information between employees of an entity and employees of a regulatory agency for the purpose of obtaining disposition by said regulatory agency, said system comprising:
  - 5 a) a web server that is behind at least one firewall, wherein said web server connects employees of said entity and employees of said regulatory agency and is maintained and hosted by said entity for use by said regulatory agency; and
  - b) a database that is behind at least one firewall and is connected to said web server, wherein the contents of said database are in computer-readable form within a secure network and are maintained and hosted by said entity for use b  
said regulatory agency.
- 10 2. The system of claim 1 further comprising a security system to control access to various functions of said system according to a user's identity.
- 15 3. The system of claim 1 further comprising a series of web pages containing information concerning past compliance with agency regulations.
- 20 4. The system according to claim 1 further comprising an automatic electronic mail program which notifies designated users of information relating to agency disposition in computer-readable form within a secure network.
5. The system according to claim 4 wherein designated users receive an electronic message containing information concerning a modification of a document's status and a hypertext link to the associated document.
- 25 6. The system according to claim 4 wherein users receive an electronic message corresponding to an assigned task including a hypertext link to the documents associated with said assigned task.

7. The system of claim 1 wherein said database contains information concerning products and services.

8. The system of claim 1 wherein documents can be created, edited, deleted, stored and retrieved in computer-readable form within a secure  
5 network.

9. The system of claim 1 wherein a personalized index of tasks is stored and retrievable in computer readable form within a secure network and is displayed when a user's identity is authorized.

10. The system according to claim 9 wherein a document associated with an assigned task is hypertext linked to the personalized task list.

11. The system of claim 1 wherein approval from the agency is formalized by use of an electronic signature.

12. A computer implemented method of secure transmission and collaboration of information between employees of an entity and employees of a regulatory agency for the purpose of obtaining disposition by said regulatory agency, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) collecting and storing information concerning regulator approval;
- b) establishing, hosting and maintaining a database of said information;
- c) establishing and maintaining a secure environment for said database;
- d) providing the employees of said regulatory agency with authorization to obtain said information from said database;
- e) providing the employees of said regulatory agency with the capability to request information from said database;
- f) providing the employees of said regulatory agency the capability to add information to said database; and

g) providing the employees of said regulatory agency the capability to modify said information within said database.

13. The method of 12 further comprising the step of utilizing a security system to control access to various functions of the system according to a user's identity.

14. The method according to claim 12 further comprising the step of searching a series of web pages for information concerning past compliance with agency regulations.

15. The method of claim 12 further comprising the steps of creating, editing, deleting, storing and retrieving documents in computer-readable form within secure network.

16. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of displaying a personalized index of tasks relating to obtaining disposition from a regulatory agency.

17. A method of claim 12 further comprising the step of assigning tasks to users relating to receiving agency approval.

18. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of utilizing an automatic electronic mail program which notifies designated users of information relating to agency approval.

19. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of searching for a document relating to obtaining approval from a regulatory agency.

20. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of formalizing approval from the agency with an electronic signature.